MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The change of jurisdiction referred to in the representation is under consideration.

Sasthamkotta Market.

181 ✻MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the amount realised by leasing out the Sasthamcotta Market in Kunnattur taluk during each of the last six years ;

(*b*) the amount spent for improvements of the market in each of these years ;

(*c*) whether there is any provision for drinking water, urinal or other conveniences in the market ;

(*d*) whether the Division Peishkar, Quilon, has visited the market during the last six years, if so, on what dates ; and

(*e*) whether any provision is made, and if so, what, to keep the market in a sanitary condition ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Secretary to Government*) :

		Amount realised.			*Amount spent.*
		Rs.	Ch.	C.	Rs.
(*a*) and (*b*)	1113	2,824	15	8	60
	1114	1,629	16	8	60
	1115	1,630	17	0	60
	1116	1,939	0	8	60
	1117	1,842	9	0	60
	1118	2,290	5	0	60

(*c*) Arrangements are being made for the sinking of a well.

(*d*) Yes. The Division Peishkar, Quilon visited the market on 9-3-1116.

(*e*) Yes. A sweeper is appointed on a pay of Rs. 5 per mensem.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : Are the Government aware that the Market Regulation was formulated not as a fiscal measure ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : That question has been answered on the floor of the House last year.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI : Will the Government consider it necessary to expend more money on markets ?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI : I would beg leave to invite the attention of the honourable member to the answer given yesterday to question No. 154 wherein the necessary information has been furnished.

Introduction of a superior variety of banana.

182. ✻MR. K. A. MATHEW : Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Agricultural Department is aware of the existence of a variety of bananas and other plantains superior to those common in he State ?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI : No.

Sugarcane demonstration farm at Kuttur.

183. ✻MR. K. A. MATHEW : Will the Government be pleased to ate :

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(*a*) the income and expenditure of the Sugarcane demonstration farm at Kuttur (കുറ്റൂർ) Tiruvalla taluk from the date of its commencement ;

(*b*) whether the Government have received petitions for the return of those lands to the respective owners ; and

(*c*) if answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, what action have the Government taken in the matter ?

MR K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI : (*a*) i. Income Rs. 3,596-22-8.

ii. Expenditure Rs. 7,625-17-0.

(*b*) Yes, in respect of a portion of the lands.

(*c*) The rent of the land has been increased. It has also been ordered that in sub-leasing for paddy and other cultivation such of the lands as are unfit for sugarcane cultivation, preference should be given to the owners.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : May I know, in view of the loss sustained by that demonstration farm, whether the Government think it advisable to continue that experimental farm ?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI : It is not a loss in the strict sense. The expenses include items under establishment charges, cultivation charges and rent on land and capital items. The sum spent towards cultivation charges comes to below Rs. 3,000. A sum of Rs.3,600 has already been recovered. Expenses in regard to the other items will be recouped in course of time. After all, that farm was started only very recently.

MR. K. A MATHEW : May I know when that farm was started

MR. K SUBRAMONIA PILLAI : Towards the end of 1116.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : May I know to what extent the rent on land has increased ?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI : By 50 per cent.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI (*Thiruvalla*) : May I know the object of such experimental farms and to what extent they have brought benefit to the people ?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI : As a result of researches conducted there, popularisation of improved methods is the benefit.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI : May I know the work done in this farm ?

MR. K. SUBRAMONIA PILLAI : Demonstration in the possibilities of improving sugarcane cultivation is going on there.

Manure distributed by the Agricultural Department.

184. ***MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI** : Will the Government be pleased to state the kinds of manure distributed by the Agricultural Department and the quantity sold with the amount derived therefrom for the period from Chingom 1119 to Mithunam 1119 ?

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